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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 21 November 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

Regarding the newly filed drawings (filed on 21 November 2006), amended Figure 1A and new Figure 1B have been disapproved because they do not match the Figure 1A and the Figure 1B of the Examiner's Amendment (mailed on 24 August 2006), which had been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant. Applicant still must make the agreed upon drawing changes noted in the Examiner's Amendment.

Regarding the newly filed amendment to page 3 of the specification (filed on 21 November 2006), this amendment is disapproved because it is unnecessary. That is, the Examiner's Amendment (mailed on 24 August 2006) already amended page 3 to include a brief description of a Fig. 1A and a Fig. 1B.


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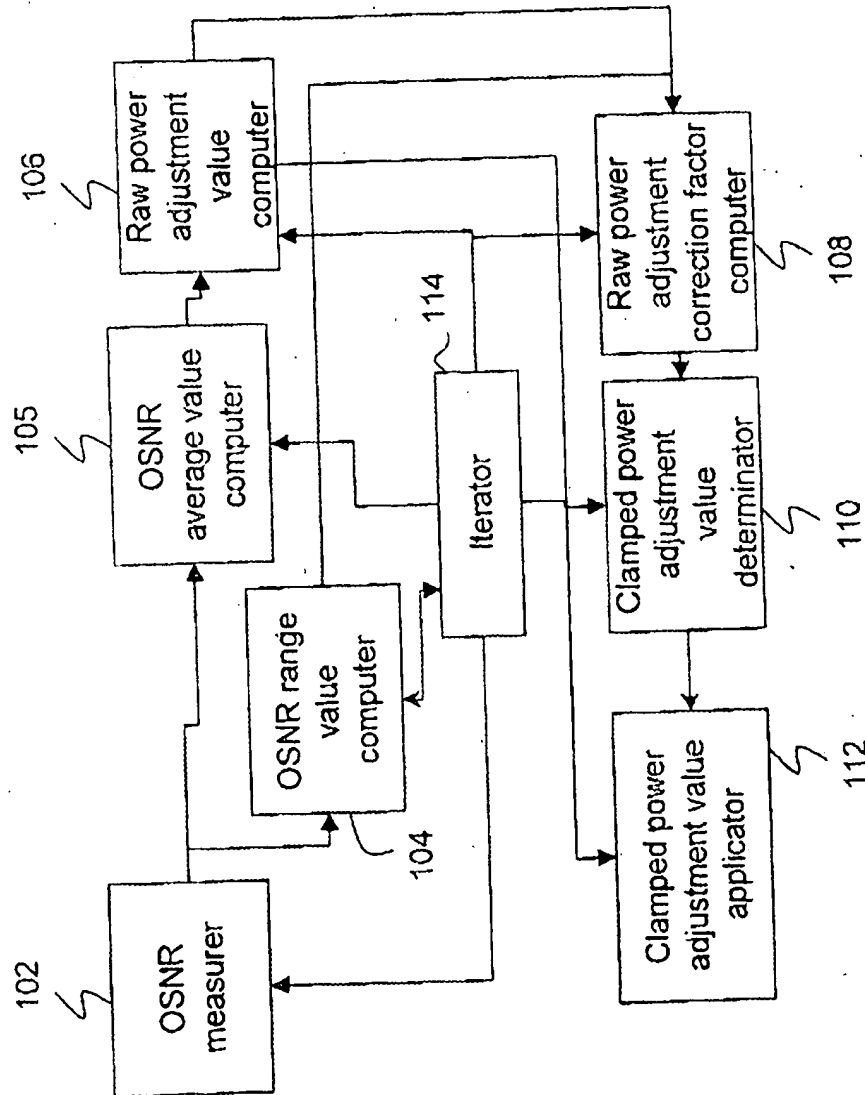


Figure 1A

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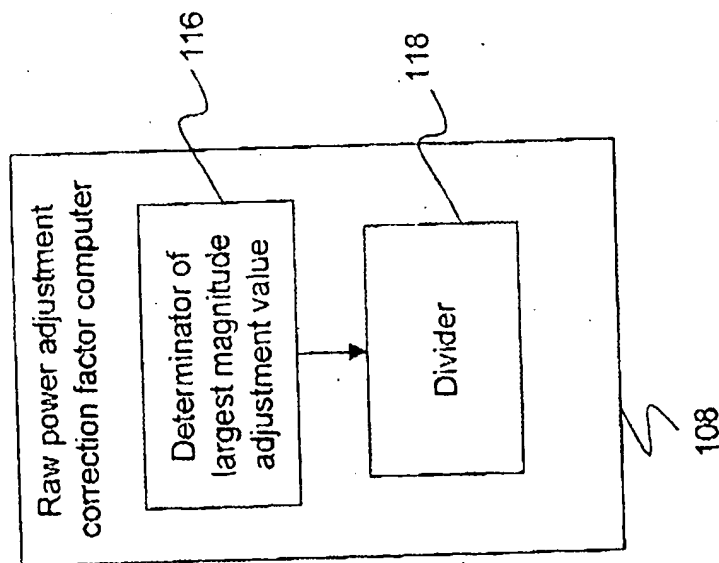


Figure 1B